



# HIGHWIRE VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • ZINFANDEL

2010

## VINEYARD CHARACTER

The 100-year-old Highwire Vineyard takes its name from the vineyards trellising systems: half of the parcel is head trained and half is trained on an unusually high wire strung between each vine. This unconventional trellising method was devised by vineyard owner Lloyd Chelli to permit greater sun exposure and promote even ripening. Both sections of the vineyard are harvested separately and evaluated individually before selecting the best lots to ensure consistency in style of the incredibly unique 'Highwire' Vineyard Zinfandel.

The Chelli family cares deeply for the old vines behind their home. Their dedicated approach to farming is reflected in the character of the wine produced from their vineyard. Cool nights in the Russian River valley help to keep bright acidity while double sorting removes green berries and raisins, giving a fresh fruit focus.

## TASTING NOTES

Consistently distinctive cracked white pepper nuances differentiate the Highwire single-vineyard Zinfandel from our other Zinfandel bottlings. Concentrated blackberry and boysenberry fruit aromas and flavors are a signature of this vineyard each year and complement cracked pepper and allspice nuances that linger. A multi-layered finish that seems to go on forever almost encourages a 'cult following' for this sought after single vineyard old-vine Russian River Valley Zinfandel.

## WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak, 45% new
Time in oak:	11 months
Yeast:	Native and cultured
Alcohol:	15.7%
TA:	7.2 g/L
pH:	3.45
Cases produced:	420
Unfined and Unfiltered	



## HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2010:	“Outstanding”	93 points,	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i>
2010:	“Outstanding”	92 points,	<i>International Wine Review</i>
2009:	“Outstanding”	94 points	<i>The Wine Spectator</i>
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2008:	“Outstanding”	90+ points	<i>International Wine Review</i>
2007:	“Exceptional”	96 points	<i>The Wine Enthusiast</i>
2007:	“Outstanding”	92 points	Robert Parker’s <i>The Wine Advocate</i>